

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 day of January, 2016

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2016 AS SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of their freedom;

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exploited through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery;

WHEREAS, human trafficking affects as many as 27 million people worldwide, including two million children who are trafficked for child labor and sexual exploitation;

WHEREAS, human traffickers target men, women and children, both U.S. Citizens and foreign nationals, isolating them from society and supportive networks, and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain;

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing, global criminal enterprise, netting an estimated \$32 billion annually. After drug trafficking, human trafficking is the world's second most profitable criminal enterprise, a status it shares with illegal arms trafficking.

WHEREAS, the average age at which victims enter child sexual exploitation is reported to be twelve to fourteen years of age.

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer emotional, psychological and physical horrors at the hands of their captors who instill fear to keep them enslaved;

WHEREAS, California has been identified as one of the nation's top four destination states for trafficking. Los Angeles was named one of the top 3 points of entry in the United States with San Luis Obispo County being a corridor for trafficking in the state of California.

WHEREAS, since August 2014 the San Luis Obispo County Human Trafficking Task Force has been a major ally in directly confronting the problem of human trafficking through interagency collaboration and engaging in prevention and intervention efforts;

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County residents and its public servants are committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through continued prevention, prosecution, education and awareness;

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County is committed to protecting victims' rights, and restoring their dignity and freedom;

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize the survivors and victims of human trafficking whose courage inspires us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors designates January 2016 as "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH" and urges all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of human trafficking, by supporting those who are working toward its end, and by participating in community awareness efforts.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by

Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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